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First Steps

If you are a proud parent or grandparent, you likely have the photo archived somewhere. That first step your child took was a sight to behold. It did not happen without a few bumps and bruises along the way. Every first successful step was preceded by momentary failure. However, when repeatedly attempted, eventually we learned to walk. What a happy time for everyone.



This week's news that President Trump and the first lady tested positive for COVID-19 reminded me that we're all just people – even at the highest level of government in the world. We are born, we live, and we die. The myriad events which unfold from the beginning to the end can feel at times like hitting the floor while taking our first steps.

The question is never, "Did you fall?" Everyone does. We're not superhuman beings, we're human beings. Much of life feels like a set back, especially right now. We become injured emotionally, relationally, and spiritually, often with a tumble, whether literal or figurative.

The real question is what will we do after we have our face plant. By the way, after mastering your first steps, how many times did you tumble over the handlebars trying to ride a bicycle? Few of us are natural born athletes. Some are faster learners than others, but we all take a spill or two trying to learn how to maneuver through life.

Maybe you are still recovering from a divorce, or you're having a hard time staying positive after losing an important job. Don't let fear prevent you from meeting new people. If you lost a job or spouse, or both unfairly, what did you do next? If this was your dream job, did you allow your dream to die? If you did your best to have a happy marriage will you be happy again?

2020 is the year where more than 8 billion people are having to learn how to walk again. Everybody has a story. How will you take the first step *after* a global pandemic arrived unexpected? Much of what we have witnessed at this point has not been very pretty. People have been at each other's throats.

I want to give you some encouragement and positivity. God is with us and He is working on us and the world each day. We are going to get through this together. We can learn how to take first steps again. Before you throw in the towel on the remainder of the year, lean in and let God help.

We've all had those parents and grandparents coming to our rescue when we hit the ground hard. God is our Good, Good Father, even more capable of soothing our pain.

Join me in deciding to change things up a bit for what little time is left in 2020. Instead of writing off the rest of our year, let's fool everyone. Begin to celebrate the smallest steps of progress and positivity as a victory for everyone. Take a picture and post it on social media. Make it sound like your kid just took his first step.

Moving Forward. God is Good.

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